

Glacier National Park



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Chaperone Guidelines & Responsibilities

The chaperone requirements for ranger-led, educational field trips to Glacier are (these numbers include the teacher):

- Kindergarten – 2nd Grade = 1 adult for every 3 students (example: 22 students, 8 adults required/allowed)
- 3rd – 5th grade = 1 adult for every 5 students (example: 22 students, 5 adults required/allowed)
- 6th grade and higher = 1 adult for every 10 students (example: 22 students, 3 adults required/allowed)

Please assist your child's teacher by volunteering to help with a field trip to Glacier, **or by respecting their apologies when your help is not needed because it exceeds the park's guidelines listed above.** Our facilities, staffing, and resource protection mandate that we limit not only the number of students we can handle per trip, but also the number of adults with each group.

If you are selected to help with a field trip, realize that you are an important partner in our program. We need your participation and cooperation to make the trip a success and will be asking this of you:

- **Do not bring siblings who are not part of the class.** Your full attention is needed to help monitor the students assigned to you that day.
- **Please ride on the school bus.** It makes getting everyone through the entrance station much easier and avoids parking problems.
- **Assist with safety.** It will be one of your primary duties as a chaperone.
- **Be an active participant.** Students will want to participate if you do.
- **Provide guidance to students for lunch and clean-up.**
- **Help set boundaries and provide leadership.**
- **Guide the learning process** and help focus students on the activity or speaker.
- **Please consult with your school administrators about the policy regarding firearms on school sponsored events.** We have never had an injury from a wildlife encounter in over 20 years of conducting school field trips in Glacier. Rangers carry bear spray, first aid kits, and radios and will show the group how to hike and recreate safely while in the park.
- **Most importantly...** go with the flow, adapt, and have fun in Glacier! The students pick up on how you react... if you are having fun, they will too!

Thank you!